

American Model United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Enhancing the climate resilience of Africa's infrastructure

ECA/II/3

	SUBMITTED TO: The Economic Commission for Africa
	The Economic Commission for Africa,
$\frac{1}{2}$	Acknowledging the present Neo-Colonial influence of Western developed countries that inhibit the economic ability for Western African countries to exercise their economic power for economic growth,
$\frac{3}{4}$	Welcoming future assistance from the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and other intergovernmental organizations,
5	Stressing the importance of each Member States' access to clean water and sewer systems,
6 7	Recalling Economic Commission for Africa resolution 844 of 16 May 2006 on re-position the Economic Commission for Africa to better respond to Africa's priorities,
8	Alarmed by the various wealth disparities exhibited between the urban and rural areas in Africa,
9 10	$Bearing \ {\rm in \ mind \ that \ African \ states \ lack \ the \ required \ resources \ that \ may \ {\rm aid \ in \ building \ sustainable \ infrastructure \ in \ African \ states,}$
11	Concerned with the privatization of vital resources necessary for stable infrastructure in African countries,
$\begin{array}{c} 12 \\ 13 \end{array}$	Recognizing the individual needs and resources as they may pertain to every respective African nation as an individual,
$\frac{14}{15}$	Seeking western developed nations to take initiatives in climate sustainable infrastructure through subsidization of lesser developed nations,
16 17	1. <i>Recommitting</i> to trans-national agreements for economic sustainability such as NEPAD, albeit while taking the environment into concern;
18 19	2. <i>Rejects</i> the expectations of western developed countries that urge African countries in taking charge in climate sustainability;
20 21	3. Reaffirms the Paris Climate Agreement which grants exception to lesser developed Member States that cannot be expected to progress at the same rate as developed Member States;
22 23	4. <i>Welcomes</i> foreign investors in pursuing profitable endeavors in the construction of higher quality and resilient infrastructure:
$24 \\ 25$	(a) SinoHydro built the largest hydropower facility in Cote d'Ivoire which increased the national electrical output by 10%;
26 27	5. <i>Encourages</i> equitable compensation for resources exchanged between African countries and developed Western countries:
28 29	(a) As with the World Bank aid packages to further invest in the improvement of African infrastructure;
30	(b) 200 million dollar aid package to increase access to electricity in Sahel and Western Africa;
31	(c) Paris Climate Agreement pledges 100 billion in aid, met 48 billion by 2020;
32 33	6. <i>Further encourages</i> the peaceful and cooperative deliberation between African countries with conflicting resource related interests:
34	(a) As with the foreseeable damaging acts that may be deliberated through the blockage of the Nile;

- 35 7. *Affirms* the need for cooperation between African countries and non-governmental organizations in build-36 ing up and strengthening infrastructure:
- 37 (a) Cooperation between non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and states have done much to 38 strengthen institutional infrastructure such as the training of staff;
- (b) A non-governmental organization known as Building Resilience and Capacities for Emerging
 Disasters (BRACED) has trained staff in weather reporting services in African Member States to strengthen resilience
 against climate-related disasters;
- 8. *Emphasizes* the need for the education of the populous in lesser developed nations regarding sanitation infrastructure:
- (a) Over 70% of Africans in some rural areas don't have access to sewer systems and proper sanitation
 infrastructure.

Passed, Yes: 21 / No: 0 / Abstain: 1